

THE PUBLIC FORUM

ON FORUM WRITING.—A few remarks pertaining to the method used by Public Forum writers! Remember, when writing to The Forum, you'll be read by workmen.

With few exceptions workmen have at an early age been forced to leave school, consequently the English words at their command are limited.

I like Mr. Cochran's style of writing; the common man as well as the highbrow can understand him. In speaking of a well-known orator this remark was made: "He surely uses good judgment. He studies his audiences. In certain parts of the city he talks Sheridan road, in others Halsted street."

The experience of a well-meaning and studious fellow unionist comes to mind. Of this man it has been said that he talks as if he had swallowed a dictionary. No fault could be found with the man, for he is a sincere, upright union man. He was forced to leave school at an early age and go to work. He was one of us, but differed from the average workman, for he always studied. When others were out having what they considered was a good time he was trying to solve the problem of bettering himself and his fellow men by reading the works of great men.

If other men would only take a deeper interest in their welfare! Study, get for yourself what your parents were not able to get for you—an education. Don't stop there; change conditions so that you may give an education and better chance to live to those depending on you.

Going back to my friend, the good union man, he was one of us, but his speeches "went over their heads."

Do you get the point. There was nothing wrong with his English, only he used bad judgment. He was almost broken-hearted when after a speech a member arose and said: "Won't de brudder be good enough

to tell us de same t'ing in English?"

I am sure Forum writers will grasp the meaning of this. Most writers are using plain language, but occasionally words are used which go over our heads, due to the fact that the large majority is yet slumbering, satisfied to follow a leader who is whispering to them: "Why worry about the other fellow; you're living."

To arouse the workers, talk plain to them. The average workman don't take time to look up the meaning of the words which they don't understand.—H. E. Scheck.

PAPERS AND IRELAND.—Have you noticed how the trust press sided with England as against the Irish in the revolution in Ireland, a revolution which had for its end the reclamation of Ireland for the Irish? Is it rather too much for said press to expect that Americans, whose fathers fought this same England for their freedom and the right to govern themselves, will side with England now? It is really humiliating for an American to realize what a hold England has on the trust press of Chicago. The editors of these papers are trying to make their readers think that it is a burning shame that Irishmen should fight for Ireland. Isn't that rich?

*The editors in question must have a very poor opinion of the intelligence of their readers if they expect them to swallow this buncombe they print. Morgan and other Wall street money grabbers have subscribed largely to the war loan of England and are afraid if England is beaten in the present war they will have a hard time collecting. As most of the loop papers are puppets of Wall street the editors must do as their masters say. As for Redmond, he has lived in London so long that he is practically an Englishman. The trust press is to will be against you in your fight for national freedom. Tomorrow they will be against you in your fight for